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**CASH TRANSACTION VERIFICATION AND CREDITING APPARATUS****Abstract**

To enable the payment of charges, for example those for mobile telephones, with cash  
5 there is provided an automated terminal for receiving payments including an input for  
currency notes, an acceptor for such currency notes and an input for information on an  
account for charges to which payment is required together with a control arrangement to  
record said account information and the value of acceptable currency notes fed in, to relate  
said information to said value as payment to said account and to hold said related information  
10 and value and acceptable currency notes available for retrieval. In this way a user need not  
have a bank account to make a payment to an account with a service provider.

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